What is claimed is:

1. A tool for inserting a wax guard having a bridge of a predefined width into a hearing instrument, comprising:

a support element comprising an axis;

a pair of flexible, opposing jaws affixed to the support element and spaced apart a predefined distance, where the jaws are oriented in a direction parallel to the axis of the support element;

where each jaw exhibits a spring-like behavior permitting them to move apart when a pull force in the direction of the axis exceeds a predefined amount.

2. A tool as set forth in claim 1, where each jaw further comprises an inner face and a protrusion located on the inner face.

3. A tool as set forth in claim 1, where the predefined distance at which the jaws are spaced is less than the width of the bridge of the wax guard.

4. A method for inserting a wax guard having a bridge of a predefined width into a hearing instrument with a tool comprising

a support element comprising an axis; a pair of flexible, opposing jaws affixed to the support element and spaced apart a predefined distance, where the jaws are oriented in a direction parallel to the axis of the support element;

where each jaw exhibits a spring-like behavior permitting them to move apart when a pull force in the direction of the axis exceeds a predefined amount;

the method comprising:

grasping a wax guard with the tool;

inserting the wax guard into the receiver tube; and

sliding the tool off the bridge by moving the tool laterally with respect to the axis of the tool.

5. A method as set forth in claim 4, where the step of grasping a wax guard comprises pushing the tool down onto the bridge of the wax guard, temporarily forcing the jaws apart, and pushing the tool down further past the bridge, until the protrusions pass under the bridge.